



International Boundary and Water Commission
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**PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SOUTH BAY
INTERNATIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT
PLANT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR BINATIONAL
SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) announces a public meeting of the USIBWC Citizens' Forum at 6:00 p.m. on June 16 at the Imperial Beach Community Room, 825 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, California. The purpose of the forum is to promote the exchange of information between the USIBWC and the community about the Commission's projects and related issues in the area.

The findings of the South County/Tijuana Region Seawater Desalination Feasibility Study will be presented by Steve Simon of the San Diego County Water Authority. The presentation will discuss the data collection phase, site selection, site evaluation, conveyance alternatives, cost estimating, water supply needs, institutional issues evaluation, funding opportunities, and a detailed analysis of intake and outfall options. San Diego and Tijuana have both expressed an interest in considering desalinated seawater for a future water supply.

USIBWC staff will also give an update on ongoing projects affecting the operation of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP). Dion McMicheaux, San Diego Project Manager, and Carlos Peña, Environmental Engineer, will present information about the

study to optimize the efficiency of the SBIWTP; the issuance of a contract to implement identified operational safety improvements at the SBIWTP; the issuance of a new five-year operation and maintenance contract for the plant; and an update on the schedule for the completion of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for SBIWTP Compliance with the Clean Water Act. The SEIS analyzes several alternatives to provide additional treatment of effluent from the SBIWTP, including alternatives to construct a secondary treatment plant in Mexico with expanded treatment capacity.

A complete agenda appears below. Members of the public who would like more information about the meeting can call 619-662-7600 or e-mail sallyspener@ibwc.state.gov.

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USIBWC CITIZENS' FORUM
Thursday, June 16, 2005, 6:00 p.m.
Imperial Beach Community Room
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Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions - Mayda Winter, Co-Chair, USIBWC
- South County/Tijuana Region Seawater Desalination Feasibility Study Summary of Findings – Steve Simon, Engineer, San Diego County Water Authority
- South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant Updates- Dion McMicheaux, San Diego Project Manager, and Carlos Peña, Environmental Engineer, USIBWC
 - Operation and Maintenance Issues
 - Treatment Plant Optimization Study
 - Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Clean Water Act Compliance
- Public Comment
- Board Discussion

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